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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 8057**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 510

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 18, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Department of Indiana Heritage.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☒ **DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Department of Indiana Heritage. The Department is under the direction of a commissioner appointed by the Governor and consists of:

- (1) the Office of the Commissioner;
- (2) the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites (currently under the Department of Natural Resources, or DNR);
- (3) the Historic Preservation, Archeology and History Division, (currently two separate agencies, the Indiana Historical Bureau under the Indiana Library and Historical Department, and the Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology under the DNR);
- (4) the Indiana State Library Division (currently part of the Indiana Library and Historical Department); and
- (5) the Division on Public Records (currently the Commission on Public Records).

The bill eliminates the Indiana Library and Historical Board. It also creates the Indiana Heritage Commission to act as an advisory board for the Department of Indiana Heritage. It also makes certain conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001; July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Office of the Commissioner would be established, and five existing state governmental entities would be transferred and reorganized into four new divisions of the Department. It is not known how many positions would be needed to staff the Office of the Commissioner. The table below summarizes the authorized full-time positions, vacancies, and salaries for the five agencies that would be placed under the Department of Indiana Heritage by this proposal.

Authorized Positions, Vacancies, and Total Salaries for Proposed Divisions of the Department of Indiana Heritage (As of 12/01/99)				
Proposed Division	Current Location	Authorized Positions	Vacancies	Total Salary
Division of State Museums and Historic Sites	DNR	87	4	\$2,387,489
Historic Preservation, Archaeology, and History Division	(a) Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology under the DNR	16	3	\$432,760
	(b) Indiana Historical Bureau under the Indiana Library and Historical Department	12	1	\$268,488
Indiana State Library Division	Indiana State Library under the Indiana Library and Historical Department	78	5	\$1,999,693
Division of Public Records	Commission on Public Records	46	5	\$917,367
ALL DIVISIONS		239	18	\$6,005,797

(Updated information will be provided when it becomes available.)

The bill also creates the Indiana Heritage Commission. The eleven-member Commission would include the Commissioner, the directors of the four divisions of the Department, and six citizens appointed by the Governor. The members of the Commission who are not state employees would be entitled to a minimum per diem allowance of \$50 when conducting Commission business. All members could receive reimbursement for travel expenditures as established by the Department of Administration's rules. Total costs will depend on the number of meetings, but the Commission must meet at least four times each fiscal year.

This proposal would also establish the History and Historic Preservation Review Board. The Board would be chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Indiana Heritage and comprised of at least ten other individuals. The members of the Board would be entitled to per diem allowances and travel reimbursements. The total cost of the allowances and reimbursement would depend on the frequency of meetings and the number of Board member who are not state employees.

The creation of the Department of Indiana Heritage and the necessary general restructuring will require additional unknown expenditures. The total cost of public notification, adjustments to publications and office stationery, and various other expenditures is not known.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** This bill creates the Department of Indiana Heritage Fund as a dedicated funding source for the Department. The fund would contain money donated to the Department, proceeds from the sale of gifts donated to the Department, and the earnings on investments from the fund. A similar fund would also be established for the Department's Historic Preservation, Archeology and History Division.

The Historical Publications and Educational Fund and the Governor's Portrait Fund would be effectively transferred from the current Historical Bureau.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Natural Resources; Commission on Public Records; Historical Bureau; State Library.

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**Information Sources:** Department of Natural Resources